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A CARD.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DOMINION PHITATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Ladies and Gentlemen :

At the request of many friends, I have decided to once more stand as a candidate for President of our Association.

This election forms a crisis in the history of the D. P. A., and it is for the members to decide whether henceforth its affairs shall be controlled, as in the past, by a clique of politicians, or in a straightforward and business-like manner.

The various issues of the campaign will no doubt be thoroughly threshed out, between now and Dominion Day ; therefore it is not my intention to comment on the various contentions at the present time.

No member who has the interests of the D. P. A. at heart can remain neutral to this campaign, and I would ask friends everywhere to take as active a part as circumstances will permit. It is not a question of personal popularity that enters into the discussion, but a plain question of voting for mismanagement and corruption, or supporting the cause of creditable and honest management of the Association's affairs.

Asking the support of all honest members in my efforts to put down jobbery and the misused power of the Toronto clique,

Yours sincerely,

A. M. MUIRHEAD

OUR OMNIUM GATHERUM.

"The P. S. of A. political pot is boiling, and the candidates are looming up. The address of Pres. Carstarphen in the current *Pennsy* is somewhat melancholy. Exchange Supt. Ruehlman, who spent so many dollars to get his office, has been removed because he has failed to furnish a bond; complaints against him and the former Supt.

have been made, and against members for substitution on Exchange Books. G. D. Mekeel has been appointed to fill the vacancy. Only about one-fourth of the membership have paid their dues for 1897, resignations seem to come in faster than applications and the Society is in debt to its treasurer some $250." —*Columbian Philatelist.*

In connection with the above, we might say that it is now dawning on the philatelic public that the P. S. of A. once looked upon as a monumental success, is in reality a monumental failure. While haveing a large amount of reluctant faith in the efficacy of gall, the present instance will somewhat shake that belief. The apotheosis of gall as exemplified in the person of Mr. C. W. Kissinger, we fear is soon to end in disrepute. Thus time has acted the part of iconoclast. The P. S. of A. could never stand the leveling process of old father time, who is pretty accurate in sifting the gold from the dross.

ONE, H. M. Porter, of Philadelphia, was arrested a short time ago for being an all-round stamp thief, and the following, from a newspaper report is so rich, we cannot let it pass:—"When arrested, the prisoner admitted that he bought a number of stamps, and at present his collection numbered 4,110." He added, "NEARLY EVERYBODY IN THE STAMP COLLECTION BUSINESS IS A BEAT, AND I AM OF THEM."

There were no collectors present when he shot off his mouth to the above affect, and up to the time of going to press he has not been lynched.

THE TIN GODS.

In the two numbers of this paper immediately preceding this, there has been an article on philatelic advertising, the writer using the *nom-du-plume* of "Ram's Horn." When the MSS. of this was submitted to us, the writer requested that his name be not mentioned, and as some of the points were expressed in a pungent manner similar to that used in discussing religious matters in the ecclesiastical paper called "Ram's Horn," we accordingly could think of no better *nom-du-plume*, and so used that. Several philatelic papers are evidently under the impression that this article was copied from that church paper. We have carefully looked over "Ram's Horn," and we find that it never had an article on advertising during the whole course of its existence. One light and sore-headed youth who essays to conduct a philatelic rag down in Halifax, whose paper stands alone in Canadian philatelic journalism as a distributor of filth and personal abuse, and whom we will not acknowledge by mentioning his name, or the name of his Police-Gazette magazine, says in reference to this article: "adapted be imagine from a well-known periodical," (wherever he unearthed this specimen of medieval English, or whether he is unable to spell "we" is the thought that is still bothering us, and this gentleman—we have to call him this, as it is customary to reply to the attacks of only such), who, forsooth, fain would be a philatelic politician, and who expresses his idea in this wonder of grammatical construction. "We appreciate the relaxation for the Scott's catalogue Philatelic Era will be laid aside for the

pleasures of a red-hot campaign." In his usual uncalled for and bull-in-the-china-shop mode of criticism, says:—"Also a poem (?) entitled, "My Stamps.' The poem in question was a parody written by Mr. W. H. Thurston, the editor of one of the leading newspapers in Central Ontario, a man recognized by the world as an authority on the leading questions of the day, and who knows more about poetry and literature in general, in one minute, than his would-be critic could have pounded into his head, supposing he lived until a dozen eternities after the end of the world, and the instrument used was a Suez Canal pile driver. If we cared, we might say a good many things about this individual and his ungrammatical mis-spelled and mis-printed sheet, who is either too stingy to purchase MSS. for his paper or too egotistical to have any other person write therein. In future we shall make no reference to this person whatever, or to his weighty "magazine," upon which he has been unable to induce the postal authorities to grant second-class mailing rates, but in closing would advise him to continue printing his paper if it amuses him and keeps him out of other mischief, until the first day of January, 1898, but to let no person see any of the copies meantime, and on first day of the New Year while it is yet dark, let him repair himself to that portion of the Bay of Fundy which has never been fathomed, and silently consign his efforts to the deep. It will be unnecessary to attach any weight to them—to make them sink—there will be enough mud in them to bear them down a "thousand fathoms deep." By carefully following these instructions it is hardly likely any person will ever discover his mental infirmities."

We confess to a certain amount of diffidence in placing the above before our readers. It is taken from an alleged philatelic paper published by a decayed stamp dealer of Toronto. The paper may be known to a few of our readers, and although bearing the date of March, it was May 3rd, 9.30 a. m., when it reached our sanctum.

It is certainly a misfortune to Canadian philatelic journalism that such matter as this should find its way into print. It has been our constant aim to keep our little magazine free from all objectionable matter, and it is "more in sorrow than in anger" that we wish to say a few words in reply to this uncalled for attack.

Our young friend who butchered the English language to the effect as quoted, has built up a mighty structure of abuse on the slight foundation of a typographical error, but on examining his remarks, it will be seen that he is himself a spelling reformer of a most pronounced type. Under his ingenious quill, *nom-de-plume* become "*nom-du-plume*," and this is no printer's error, as it occurs twice. "Mis-spelled" and "mis-printed," are also fruits of his vivid imagination. And still our youthful critic prates of errors in spelling and printing, and paws up the ground in his censorship. He should get his hair cut.

When we use the exclamation point in mentioning the piece of doggeral which appeared in his paper, this editorial genius froths at the mouth, and tells us that its author is, in fact, an intellectual giant. Our own opinion is that any man who could write the rot referred to is perilously near being a drivelling idiot, and should mend his ways while there is yet time. In this connection, the extreme richness of our friend's language is worthy of note. The easy man-

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EDITORIAL

EXCHANGES PLEASE NOTE.

We wish to exchange with every stamp paper published, and we would call attention to the mailing directions which appear above. One copy is to be addressed to the Halifax Philatelic Publishing Co, Halifax, N. S., and the other to Mr. J. R. Findlay, Halifax, N. S. Where the above directions are observed, we shall send two copies in exchange each month

IN re the Mekeel failure, our e. c. the *Post Office* asks:—"What will become of the poor stockholders?" This is an easy one. They will continue to hold the stock, and though no dividends will be forthcoming, they are at least free from the haunting dread of assessments. May this fact cheer their lot in the hour of adversity!

PH. HEINSBERGER is at it again, and a few more suckers will be accommodated. It is but three years since the last expose, but people (especially publishers) seem as gullable as ever. He runs under another name, but we know him by his ads. and his writings.

OUR friend Starnaman of the *Philatelic Advocate*, in a letter asking for figures to enable him to offer a combination rate with the *Advocate*, says:—"I presume the remaining numbers of the H. P. M. will be 'consigned to that part of the Bay of Fundy which has never been fathomed.' Give us your rates and we will risk the unfathomed depths." Which goes to show that the ravings of Walter Patrick McGilligan McMahon don't cut much ice.

SO far, the candidates in the field for D. P. A. honors are James H. Peckham, for Exchange Superintendent; R. G. Widdicombe, for Auction Manager; and Findlay I.

Weaver, for Librarian. Good men, all three,—may they get there with both feet.

"PHILATELIA" a philatelic novel, we believe, is out, but have not yet seen a copy. We are led to believe that its author, Mr. Watts, has succeeded in blending together love, stamps and matrimony, in an harmonious manner, and extend congratulations on his achievement of this difficult feat.

OUR thanks are due Mr. W. R. Adams, 7 Ann St., Toronto, for a copy of his lately issued Catalogue of Canadian Revenues. It is got up in handy pocket form, and is a most valuable work. It will no doubt become the standard. Mr. Adams wishes us to say that he will send a copy of the catalogue to any reader of the Halifax Philatelic Magazine sending eight cents. We recommend our readers to take advantage of this generous offer.

ONE little organ in Toronto the other day, called this a "Police Gazette Magazine." We are sorry that the plain truth expressed in a plain manner should have displeased the editorial genius of our contemporary. Truth, you know is often unpleasant. The organ which applied to us the unparliamentary term above quoted, is published by a gents' furnishing virtuoso, who divides his time between selling goods below cost and editing an alleged stamp paper. His paper is dry enough, but we think the regular dry goods business would be more profitable to him in the long run. He may have brains enough to mark down a shirt from $1.25 to 49 cents, but his mental capacity seems inadequate to running a stamp paper.

Special Announcement.

We beg to advise the publication of two special numbers of the HALIFAX PHILATELIC MAGAZINE. Our next number, June, will be a

SPECIAL POLITICAL NUMBER.

and will be devoted to the D. P. A., S. of P., and P. S. of A. campaigns. Both sides will be presented.

Our July number will be a

SPECIAL CONVENTION NUMBER,

and will contain a full and complete report of the D P. A. Convention. Full election returns and descriptive articles.

No extra charge will be made to subscribers for these special numbers, and non-subscribers wishing to receive the same may either subscribe for one year, or send Ten Cents and the two specials will be sent.

THE HALIFAX PHIL. PUB. CO.
Halifax, N. S.

ner in which he refers to "a dozen eternities after the end of the world," is too good to pass unnoticed.

If the editor of this paper is "a light and sore-headed youth," and if this paper is a "philatelic rag," and a "Police-Gazette magazine," we are indeed sorry that it is so. But we cannot agree with our friend, and must express regret that he could not find gentlemanly language in which to express his opinions. We might say, however, that our paper differs from his in not being a house-organ, and in not being run by a horde of hungry politicians eager to suck the life blood out of the Association, of which, unfortunately, it is the official journal.

As to his assertion, that the postal authorities would not grant mailing privileges to our MAGAZINE, were we to speak unqualifyedly we would call it a falsehood, but will content ourselves with saying that it is quite in keeping with the rest of the tirade. As a matter of fact, second-class rates were granted this MAGAZINE just ten days after applying for them. This, is in contrast with the long delay and hesitation that accompanied the granting of the rates to his paper, and had its editor and publisher not resorted to the dodge of advertising his stamps UNDER ANOTHER NAME, the rates would never have been granted.

We are told that we aspire to be politicians, and once more our friend is found talking through the back of his neck. The extract he makes from our Editorial is grossly garbled, and not worthy of a reply.

The latter portion of his remarks is obscure, and he seems to have been attacked with nervous prostration, caused by writing the first part of the tirade. He seems to be groping around in the intense darkness of his intellect, hunting for something to add to his remarks, but succeeds in only grinding out a jumbled-up mass of incoherrency.

In conclusion, we would point out that this filthy mass of abuse was caused solely and simply because we refused to accept his assertion that his paper was the best stamp paper in Canada. We merely said we did not believe it was the best, but we only said a part of what we really thought, and our opinion is now confirmed. Such a misrable little organ as this cannot live long; its editor is well known as a man whose every effort ends in ignominous failure, and the present venture will prove no exception to the rule. There is no room in Canada for a wretched little sheet that deals in abuse as its stock in trade, and to whom mud-slinging is so natural an art.

(Since writing the above, the little organ has shuffled off this mortal coil.)

E T. PARKER, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania,
Has sixty sets of Persia, 1889 issue, the catalog value of which is $8.58. Twenty-five of these sets he will sell for 50 cents a set, then 10 sets for 75 cents a set, then 10 sets for $1 a set, and the remaining sets for $1.25 each. This offer is made solely to increase the circulation of his price-list and each person sending for a set must accompany the order with the names and addresses of at least five collectors.

D. P. A. Membership Contest.

In order to greatly increase the membership of the Dominion Philatelic Association, I have decided to offer a number of prizes to the persons securing the largest number of members before September 1st, 1897, as follows:

1st PRIZE.— Half column advertisement in "Philatelic Advocate," 3 times, value $4 05.

2nd PRIZE.—Foreign Stamps, catalogue value of (a good lot), $4.00.

3RD PRIZE.—One inch advertisement in "Philatelic Advocate," 3 times, value $1.35.

4TH PRIZE.—One inch advertisement in "Halifax Philatelic Magazine, 3 times, value 75 cents

The premiums have been kindly donated by the publishers of the papers in which the advertisements are offered, and I offer the stamps myself, and can assure the winner that they will be highly satisfactory

Only members of the Association can compete If you are not a member, and wish to compete, send in your application and it will be counted as one for you.

The Secsetary, Mr. A. H. Adams, will keep a strict account of all applications sent in, and prizes will be awarded according to his decision.

Application blanks may be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. A. H. Adams, Whitby, Ont., the Editor of this paper, or the undersigned.

For further information address,

R. G. WIDDICOMBE,

29 Elizabeth Street,

St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada.

LITERARY NOTES.

ALWAYS on time, the *Philatelic Advocate* for May arrived in Halifax on the 7th of the month, again establishing a record.

THE *International Philatelist* has changed hands, having passed into the hands of a new publisher, who vies with Mr. Beardsley in being "established in 1885." We trust 1905 will find him still established.

THE *Home Worker*, and the *Evergreen State Philatelist*, are two papers that one may always look for early in the month. They are always on time, and always interesting.

THE new *Detroit Philatelist* makes a fine opening display. The well known Kessler, jr., is at the helm, with Mr. Randall, of the old *Kaleidoscope*, and Miss Swift as associates. Under such distinguished auspices, we expect much.

THE *Ontario Philatelist* was a welcome visitor this month, for we had mourned it as departed. No February number was issued, and the number before us is dated March-April, and closes the first volume. Mr. Beatty will now doubtless take a "fresh hlot," and we hope to have the pleasure of seeing it regularly during the coming summer.

THE *Perforator* is a new one to us. It is a live paper published at Hartford, Conn., by H. A. Chapman, and is in its third number. Glad to see you, brother.

WE learn with regret that no more numbers of the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* will be issued. This is to be regretted, as it was by far the oldest stamp paper in Canada.

Ontario Items.

R. G WIDDICOMBE.

No. 2 of the new *Detroit Philatelist* presents a very fine appearance, and the articles it contains are well worth reading.

MR. WELDON has consented to act as Auction Manager of the D. P. A. for the present, which demonstrates his desire to run as much of the Society as possible Have another, Mr Weldon.

JULY 21st and 22nd are the days on which the next Convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association will be held in Berlin. A big jubilee celebration and band tournament will be held at that time, and we trust a large number will be in attendance. If you are not a member, become one at once. Application blanks can be had from the Secretary, A. H. Adams, Whitby, Ont.

IN a recent number *of Mekeel's Weekly*, "Rea" (I E Weldon) in his Canadian Notes says: "It appears, that the visit of Messrs. Widdicombe and Beatty of St. Catharines, to Toronto, on Good Friday was for the purpose of securing recruits for the ticket that A. M. Muirhead, of Halifax, heads in a race for the Presidency of the D P. A." I might say right here that it was for no such reason we took the trip, but as a visit to Mr. Bailey, of that place. Dont be so quick to talk in the future, before you know, even if news is scarce.

ALL matter for OUR HANDBOOK must be placed in our hands *immediately* to ensure insertion. Advertisers please note.

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Halifax Philatelic Pub. Co.,

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Jubilee Issue of Stamps.

THE Postmaster has officially given out that a series of postage stamps to commemorate the 60th anniversity of the Queen's reign will be issued by Canada. The denominations and the total quantity to be issued will be as follows:—

3c.....	20,000,000
1c.....	8,000,000
2c.....	2,500,000

There will also be 7,000,000 post cards issued. These stamps will be placed on sale June 19th, and the Department expects they will last three months. Our own opinion is that it will take considerably longer. Many rumors are going the rounds about the shape, size and design. It is likely they will be much larger than the present issue.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

FREE to subscribers. Limit, thirty words, excluding name and address. Subscribers should freely avail themselves of the department as a medium of exchange. To any active collector it is woth the price of a year's subscription. Only *bona fide* exchange notices will be inserted, no offers to buy or sell.

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